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SENATE CONFIRMS EIGHT TO IAF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARLINGTON, Va. –The U.S. Senate recently confirmed eight individuals nominated by President George W. Bush to the board of directors of the Inter-American Foundation. Chair Roger Wallace as well as Jack Vaughn Jr., Kay Arnold and Adolfo Franco were re-appointed to the board; Gary Bryner, Thomas Dodd, John Salazar and Thomas Shannon are new members. The Inter-American Foundation is an independent U.S. government foreign assistance agency supporting grassroots development throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Roger Wallace, the board's chair since September 2004, is vice president of Pioneer Natural Resources, an independent oil and gas exploration and production company. "I want to thank President Bush and the United States Senate for nominating and confirming such a strong group to serve on the IAF board," said Wallace. "The new members bring an impressive breadth and depth of experience in Latin America and the Caribbean. I look forward to working

with them as the Foundation continues to expand its efforts to spread sustainable grassroots development throughout the region.”

Jack C. Vaughn Jr., who previously served from September 2004 to January 2005, was appointed board vice chair. He is an independent oil and gas producer and chairs the advisory board of John Tower Center for Political Studies at Southern Methodist University. Kay K. Arnold has served as an IAF board member since November 1999, including as chair (2000-2001). She is vice president of public affairs for the Entergy Corporation. Adolfo A. Franco, a member of the board since August 2003, is assistant administrator for the Bureau of Latin America and the Caribbean at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Gary C. Bryner is a professor of political science and public policy at Brigham Young University (BYU), where his research and teaching interests include sustainable development, poverty reduction and environmental protection in several Latin American countries. Thomas J. Dodd served as U.S. ambassador to Uruguay (1993-1997) and Costa Rica (1997-2001) and is currently an adjunct professor at Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service. John P. Salazar is an attorney with the Albuquerque law firm of Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin and Robb, where his expertise is real estate, land use, development law, and municipal and administrative law. Thomas A. Shannon, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, is assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere Affairs at the U.S. Department of State.

Since its creation in 1969, the IAF has awarded more than 4,600 grants, totaling

more than \$600 million to Latin American and Caribbean grassroots and nongovernmental organizations. *More information about the IAF is available on its website (www.iaf.gov).*